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Interview Summary

TITLE: Processing Apparatus Having Integrated Pumping System
U.S. SERIAL NO.: 09/220,153
FILING DATE: December 23, 1998
INVENTOR: Reimer, et al.
EXAMINER: R. Bueker
GROUP ART UNIT: 1763
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Reimer et al.

Serial No.: 09/220,153

Confirmation No.: 3858

Filed: December 23, 1998

For: Processing Apparatus
Having Integrated Pumping
System

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Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: R. Bueker

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FEBRUARY 16, 2005 AND FEBRUARY 17, 2005 INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On February 16, 2005 and February 17, 2005 telephonic interviews were held between Keith Tackett (an attorney of record) and Examiner Bueker regarding the amendments presented in the Second Response to Final Rejection submitted on December 17, 2004 and the Supplemental Information Statement submitted on January 18, 2005. Examiner Bueker indicated that the Second Response to Final Office Action addressed all issues set out in the Advisory Action mailed on November 18, 2004.

Examiner Bueker further indicated that the *Lorimer* reference (WO 98/48168) listed in the Supplemental Information Statement raised new issues since Figure 10 shows a chamber comprising valves that abut a pump and would support a new ground of rejection. The Applicant discussed the term "abutting" in the pending claims and that the external valves are not part of the chamber. The pending application mentions slit valves that are internal to the chamber surfaces and do not prevent the pump from abutting the chamber.

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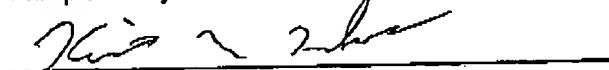
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Examiner Bueker indicated that claims 5 and 22 are closest to the *Lorimer* reference. Applicant offered to cancel claims 5 and 22 if the rest of the claims are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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